

EXHIBIT "A"

Environmental Impact Assessment. H Street Streetscape. PLN2011-00052

DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The following proposed project has been reviewed, pursuant to the provisions of Resolution No. 3231, as amended, of the City Council of the City of Fremont for the purpose of determining the likelihood of a significant adverse environmental impact occurring as a result of project completion.

NAME OF PROJECT: H Street Streetscape

PROJECT NO.: PLN2011-00052

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The proposed project is for streetscape improvements on H Street between Niles Boulevard and 2nd Street in the Niles Planning Area. The project area is approximately 400 linear feet and 32,000 square feet. Improvements include: street reconstruction, sidewalk widening; curb and gutter installation, landscaping, decorative lighting and furniture installation, and on-street parking reconfiguration. Most existing driveway cuts will be replaced. The street reconstruction will require excavation of H Street for a depth of 12 to 15 inches. New stormwater runoff and storm drain facilities, including rain gardens, inlets and underground storm drainage pipes, will be installed. The sidewalk width will be 12 feet on the west side and 15 feet on the east side of H Street. Steel benches, ornamental planters, and trash receptacles will be installed along the sidewalk. Twelve new street lights will be installed as part of this project. All lighting and furniture installation will be of like type, material and color to the existing lighting and furnishings on Niles Boulevard. The proposed decorative lighting is a 14-foot tall dual-head hooded street light. Seven existing Ash street trees that are in conflict with the proposed plans will be removed. Streetscape improvements include 16 new street trees of the London Plane (4) and Purpleleaf Eastern Redbud (12) varieties. Parking will be reconfigured and re-striped throughout. On-street diagonal parking will be striped and increased from 5 spaces to 15 spaces. Including parallel parking, the total parking will increase by 4 parking spaces. The project will be phased with road closures and construction on half blocks of H Street to Iron Horse Lane.

LOCATION OF PROJECT: H Street between Niles Boulevard and Second Street

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION WITHIN CITY: Niles Planning Area

NAME OF AUTHORIZED AGENT OF APPLICANT: Jeanne Suyeishi, City of Fremont Public Works
Department, Engineering Division

MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT OR AGENT: 39550 Liberty Street, P.O. Box 5006, Fremont, CA
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TYPE OF ENTITLEMENT SOUGHT: Environmental Impact Assessment

EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR THE FINDING: A finding is proposed that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The project complies with development standards of the Fremont Municipal Code and General Plan. The proposed development is an Environmental Impact Assessment for a new streetscape on H Street. The project is an infill development in an urban area that does not displace, destroy, or remove significant natural vegetation, wildlife, or natural resources and the project conforms with the City codes and policies, as well as with other responsible agency regulations.

Public Hearing: The Historical Architectural Review Board is tentatively scheduled to consider the project at its July 7, 2011 meeting. Historical Architectural Review Board meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at 3300 Capitol Avenue. All environmental documents are available for review at 39550 Liberty Street, Fremont.

Any comments as to whether the draft negative declaration should become final or whether an EIR should be prepared for the project must be submitted within 20 days of the posting of this draft negative declaration. The comment period begins June 16, 2011 and ends July 7, 2011.

If this draft negative declaration becomes final by any approval agency other than the City Council, any person who wishes to protest such final action must do so within ten days of the date it becomes final by the filing of a written protest with the City Clerk and by payment of the required protest fee. If this draft declaration becomes final by City Council action, any person who disagrees with Council action may seek judicial review.

Posted within the Development Services Center on June 16, 2011.

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IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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